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SUBJ: MISSING CYPRIOT AMERICANS

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1. ON JUNE 17 EMBOFF GAVE EKREM GUVENDIREN, MFA DEPDIRECTOR OF CYPRUS-GREECE AFFAIRS, WRITTEN COPY OF INFORMATION ON KASSAPIS CASE IN REF B. GUVENDIREN SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD INVESTIGATE CASE AGAIN, BOTH THROUGH TURKISH MILITARY CHANNELS AND THROUGH DENKTASH ADMINISTRATION. TWO TURKISH CYPRIOTS MENTIONED AS KASSAPIS' ABDUCTORS WOULD BE SOUGHT AND QUESTIONED, HE SAID.

2. HOWEVER, GUVENDIREN WENT ON TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. NO RPT NO PRISONERS FROM CYPRUS OPERATIONS ARE BEING HELD BY TURKS. IF TURKEY HAD ANY PRISONERS, IT WOULD USE THEM FOR EXCHANGE OF PERSONS WITH GREEK CYPRIOTS IN RETURN FOR PERMISSION FOR SOME 7,500 TURKISH CYPRIOTS STILL IN SOUTHERN CYPRUS TO MOVE TO NORTH.

B. PRECIOUS INVESTIGATIONS HAVE SHOWN THAT MANY GREEK CYPRIOTS BELIEVED MISSING ACTION WERE KILLED EITHER IN

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TURKISH OPERATIONS AGAINST CYPRUS OR BY THEIR FELLOW GREEK

CYPRIOIS IN "CIVIL WAR" WHICH PRECEDED FIRST TURKISH LANDING.

C. THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY THAT KASSAPIS COULD HAVE
"LOST HIMSELF" AMONG GREEK CYPRIOTS WHO ARE RESIDING UNDER
TURKISH CONTROL IN KARPASS REGION. (THAT POSSIBILITY ALSO WILL
BE INVESTIGATED, GUVENDIREN ADDED.)

3. AS REGARDS HUMANITARIAN TALKS (PARA 4 REF A), GUVENDIREN
WAS PESSIMISTIC THAT MUCH COULD BE DONE. PERSONALITIES OF
TWO SIDES' REPRESENTATIVES (PLUMBER AND PAPADOPOULOS) WERE
PART OF PROBLEM, BUT MORE SERIOUS WAS EFFORT BY GREEK CYPRIOTS
TO USE HUMANITARIAN ISSUES FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. TURKEY
REMAINED WILLING, HE SAID, TO ALLOW DISPLACED GREEK CYPRIOTS
TO RETURN TO HOME IN NORTH ON ONE-FOR-NONE BASIS WITH TURKISH
CYPRIOTS PERMITTED TO LEAVE GREEK CYPRIOT CONTROL IN SOUGH.
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